

# Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages

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In addition to the BA degree in Arabic, the Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages provides service courses for all Arabic-speaking students at AUB. ARAB 101 and ARAB 102 must be taken in the freshman year; and, one more Arabic language or literature course (i.e., ARAB 201A, ARAB 201B, or any other course numbered ARAB 211 or above (ARAB 213, ARAB 214, ARAB 215, ARAB 216, ARAB 217, and ARAB 218 excluded) ). ARAB 201A requires a placement test (see section on Admissions).

## Undergraduate Program

Requirements for the BA degree in Arabic are as follows: ARAB 211, ARAB 212, ARAB 221, ARAB 231, ARAB 232, ARAB 233, ARAB 237, ARAB 239, ARAB 241, ARAB 243, and ARAB 245 (total 33 credits). In addition, the student must select one course from within the other courses in the department (grand total 36 credits).

Students choosing a minor in Arabic are required to take 15 credits of Arabic courses, (ARAB 201A does not count as one of them). These courses should include ARAB 211 or ARAB 212 (or an equivalent language course), one course in classical Arabic literature, one course in modern Arabic literature, and any two courses in the department.

When a required course is not available, it may be replaced by another course within the department provided the student's adviser gives consent.

**ARAB 101/102 Readings in Arabic Heritage I and II** **3.0; 3 cr. (each)**  
 A freshman level survey that traces the intellectual, literary, and cultural development of the Arabs from pre-Islamic times up to the age of Ibn Khaldun. *Annually.*

- ARAB 200 Special Arabic 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A course designed for native speakers of Arabic who had limited pre-college formal study of the Arabic language in Lebanon or abroad. Open to students who are exempted from Arabic. *Annually.*
- ARAB 201A Basic Arabic Grammar and Syntax 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A training course in the basic elements of Arabic grammar, syntax, and morphology, with special emphasis on oral and writing skills. *Each semester.*
- ARAB 201B Readings in Arabic Literature 3.0; 3 cr.**  
A close textual and analytical study of a wide variety of selections from classical and modern Arabic literature and thought designed to evoke aesthetic and intellectual discussions of issues of Arab culture. *Each semester.*
- ARAB 203/204 Beginners' Arabic as a Foreign Language I and II 5.0; 5 cr. (each)**  
A thorough course in basic literary Arabic with emphasis on the vocabulary of modern literature, the press, and current affairs. This course teaches grammar and structure to enable students to read, understand, and translate, from and into Arabic, within a tightly controlled syntactical milieu. *Annually.*
- ARAB 205/206 Beginners' Arabic as a Foreign Language III and IV 5.0; 5 cr. (each)**  
A continuation of the carefully graded approach begun in ARAB 203 and ARAB 204, and culminating with the exposition of the derivation system. This course empowers students to use lexica, and to read, understand, and translate, unhampered by any loopholes in their knowledge of basic Arabic syntax and morphology. *Prerequisite: ARAB 203 and ARAB 204, or equivalent. Annually.*
- ARAB 207/208 Advanced Arabic as a Foreign Language I and II 3.0; 3 cr. (each)**  
The main goal for this level is to reach a superior level of proficiency. Reading texts that contain opinions, hypotheses, and intellectual discussions, in addition to selections from classical Arabic literature. Grammar consists largely of details, such as the full conjugation of irregular verb classes and fine points of complex sentence structure. Instruction is totally in Arabic. *Prerequisites: ARAB 205 and ARAB 206, or equivalent. Annually.*
- ARAB 211/212 Survey of Arabic Grammar 3.0; 3 cr. (each)**  
A year-long course on Arabic morphology and grammar. It is comprised of readings from a classical grammatical text and training in sentence structure through *īrab*. *Alternate years.*
- ARAB 213/214 Introductory Biblical Hebrew 3.0; 3 cr. (each)**  
A general survey of Biblical Hebrew grammar, with special emphasis on the relation between Arabic and Hebrew within the Semitic group of languages. *Alternate years.*
- ARAB 215 Introductory Syriac 3.0; 3 cr.**  
The course provides students with a working knowledge of Syriac language and grammar. With the help of a lexicon, students will be expected to read and translate simple Syriac texts. *Alternate years.*
- ARAB 216 Introduction to Syriac Literature 3.0; 3 cr.**  
The aim of this introductory course is to provide the student with an overview of Syriac literature from its origins to the present day. *Alternate years.*





**ARAB 249 Sufi Literature****3.0; 3 cr.**

A course aiming to acquaint the student with Sufi literature as one of the major aspects in Arabic literature. *Alternate years.*

**ARAB 251/252 Special Topics in Arabic Language and Literature****3.0; 3 cr. (each)**

A course that varies in content and focuses on selected topics in language and literature. *May be repeated for credit. Offered occasionally.*

## 33 + 3 Credits in Arabic

Modes of Analysis	English and Arabic (9)	Humanities (12 + 33 + 3 + 9)	Social Sciences (6)	Sciences, Math, and Technology (Unspecified)
Lecture courses (9+12+33+3+9+6+3)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required Arabic course: ARAB 201A or B or any upper level course (3)</li> <li>Required English courses: ENGL 203(3), 204(3)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required credits in the humanities: 12 credits including 6 credits from CVSP (see pp.152-54).</li> <li>Required Arabic courses (33): ARAB 211(3), 212(3), 221(3), 231(3), 232(3), 233(3), 237(3), 239(3), 241(3), 243(3), 245(3)</li> <li>One elective course from the following or a seminar course (3): ARAB 213(3), 214(3), 217(3), 218(3), 225(3), 226(3), 227(3), 228(3), 229(3), 230(3), 234(3), 235(3), 236(3), 238(3), 240(3), 244(3), 246(3), 247(3), 249(3)</li> <li>Electives: 9 credits in other humanities departments</li> </ol>	Electives (6)	Electives (min. 3): Recommended: a course in computer literacy
Seminar (0-6)		Elective Arabic courses: ARAB 251(3), 252(3)		
Laboratory (3)				Computer Lab (3)
Research project (63)		ARAB 227-241, 243-247, 249		

THE REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO JOINED THEIR MAJOR AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2001-02. STUDENTS WHO JOINED A MAJOR PRIOR TO THAT DATE SHOULD CONSULT THE 2000-01 CATALOGUE.